

COAT OF ARMS



SHIELD: The chevrons and the lower portion of the shield simulate the prow of a ship, referring to the third of the Legend Class cutters. The Navy officer's button alludes to Captain Dorothy Stratton's position as a lieutenant in the Navy's Women Appointed Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) before being transferred to the Coast Guard and becoming the first woman in history to serve as a Coast Guard commissioned officer. Red embodies devotion to duty. The mascle, a heraldic symbol for female domain displayed in the lower section of the shield, signifies the third Legend Class cutter and the first named in honor of a woman, Captain Stratton. The compass rose conveys direction and the ship's wide scope of capabilities at sea; emplaced upon the mascle, it depicts Captain Stratton's brilliant organizational and administrative proficiency in the service of her country.

CREST: The crossed anchors, adapted from the Coast Guard insignia, allude to Captain Stratton's achievement as the first Director of the United States Coast Guard Women Reserve, creating the name of the organization, "SPAR," from Semper Paratus meaning "Always Ready." The crimson ribbon is emblematic of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander), awarded for her outstanding military service and achievements. The eagle represents Captain Stratton's highest rank obtained and her duty in various national organizations following her exemplary military career.

MOTTO: A dark blue scroll inscribed "ALWAYS READY" in gold lettering, derived from Captain Stratton's name for the women's reserve SPARs.

CHARACTERISTICS AND FEATURES



LENGTH: 418 FEET

BEAM: 54 FEET

DISPLACEMENT: 4500 LONG TONS

DRAFT: 21 FEET

MAX SPEED: 30+ KNOTS

RANGE: 12,000+ NAUTICAL MILES

COMPLEMENT: 110 (16 OFFICERS, 94 ENLISTED)

MAIN MACHINERY: 1 GE LM-2500 GAS TURBINE,
2 MTU 1163 MAIN PROPULSION DIESEL ENGINES

SHIPS POWER: 3 1360 KW CATERPILLAR DIESEL
GENERATORS

ARMAMENT: 57MM BOFORS GUN, 1 PHALANX
CIWS 1B 20MM, FOUR 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS,
TWO M240B LIGHT MACHINE GUNS

SMALL BOATS: TWO SHORT RANGE
PROSECUTORS (SRP), ONE CB-OTH (OVER THE
HORIZON)

AIRCRAFT CAPABILITY: ONE MH-60 JAYHAWK,
TWO MH-65C DOLPHINS, TWO SH-60 LAMPS

WELCOME ABOARD!



UNITED STATES COAST
GUARD CUTTER

STRATTON

WMSL 752

HOMEPORT: ALAMEDA, CA



SHIP'S NAMESAKE

CAPTAIN DOROTHY C. STRATTON



Captain Dorothy C. Stratton, USCGR (W) was born in Brookfield, MO on 24 March 1899. She attended the Ottawa University in Kansas, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1920 and joined the staff of Purdue University in 1933 as Dean of Women where she was promoted to Full Professor of Psychology in 1940.

In June, 1942 she entered the armed forces of the United States as a senior

lieutenant in the Women's Reserve of the U.S. Naval Reserve (WAVES), where she attended the first class of the U.S. Naval Training Station at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts.

Captain Stratton went on to become the first woman to be accepted for service in the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard. Her transfer to the Coast Guard as the Director of Women's Reserve occurred on 24 November 1942 and she was promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander. She made commander in December, 1943 and captain in February, 1944.

One of her first contributions to the Coast Guard was creating the name SPAR for the Women's Reserve, which she discovered in the first letters of the Coast Guard's motto "Semper Paratus" and its English translation "Always Ready". In her memo to the Commandant, Vice Admiral Russell Waesche, she noted "The initials of [the Coast Guard's motto] are, of course, SPAR. Why not call the members of the Women's Reserve SPARs? . . . As I understand it, a spar is . . . a supporting beam and that is what we hope each member of the Women's Reserve will be."

At the peak of Coast Guard strength in late 1944, one out of every 15 or 16 enlisted persons was a woman and one out of every 12 or 13 officers was a SPAR officer, the highest ratio of women-to-men of any of the armed services at that time. Enlisted SPARs served in thirty different Coast Guard ratings and many achieved the distinction of being promoted to first class or chief petty officer in their particular specialties. With demobilization soon after the end of hostilities, Captain Stratton left the Coast Guard and became the first director of personnel at the International Monetary Fund where she served until 1950. She then took the position as National Executive Director of the Girl Scouts of America, serving in that capacity for 10 years, before retiring in 1960.

Captain Stratton passed away on 17 September 2006 at the age of 107. In 2008, the Coast Guard named its third National Security Cutter in her honor.

COMMANDING OFFICER

ANDREW M. SUGIMOTO



Captain Andrew Sugimoto most recently served as Chief, Incident Management Branch of the Ninth Coast Guard District, which spans the five Great Lakes, Saint Lawrence Seaway and parts of the surrounding states, including 1,500 miles of international border. He is responsible for safely prosecuting Search and Rescue cases and responding to all operational incidents

which occur within the District.

CAPT Sugimoto graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Government. He graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2002 and was conferred a Juris Doctorate.

Afloat assignments included serving as Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Cutter ACUSHNET, Ketchikan, AK; and Coast Guard Cutter TYBEE, San Diego, CA. CAPT Sugimoto also served as Executive Officer in Coast Guard Cutter CHASE, San Diego, CA, Coast Guard Cutter MONOMOY, Woods Hole, MA and Deck Watch Officer in Coast Guard Cutter SHERMAN home ported in Alameda, CA.

Staff and ashore assignments have included: Staff Judge Advocate for the Ninth Coast Guard District, Cleveland OH; practiced Operational Law, Military Justice and Legal Assistance for the Maintenance and Logistics Command Pacific, Alameda, CA and stood watch as Command Duty Officer for the Eleventh Coast Guard District in Long Beach CA and the PACAREA Command Center in Alameda CA.

Captain Sugimoto's military awards include a two Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, four Coast Guard Achievement Medals, a Commandant's Letter of Commendation, and several other unit awards. CAPT Sugimoto has over ten years sea time.

Captain Sugimoto is a native of Huntington Beach, CA and is married to the former Lori Bowker of Los Angeles CA. They have two children, Tyler and Matthew.

COMMAND SENIOR CHIEF

SENIOR CHIEF DAMAGE CONTROLMAN
DAVID L. STEPHENS



Damage Control Senior Chief David Stephens enlisted in the Coast Guard in April of 1995. After attending basic training, Senior Chief Stephens was assigned to the USCGC HAMILTON in San Pedro, CA. Following his first assignment, he attended Damage Control A-School in Yorktown, VA. Senior Chief Stephens has served aboard four cutters including USCGC

HAMILTON, USCGC RED BIRCH, USCGC ESCANABA, and USCGC SENECA. His duty stations include Training Center Cape May, Afloat Training Group Norfolk, VA, and HSWL SC Norfolk. He reported aboard USCGC STRATTON in June of 2011.

Senior Chief Stephens' awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and three Commandant Letters of Commendation.

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